



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Unveiling of Queen Anne Sign Gives Glimpse of Our Past

The demolishing of the north end of the 1500 block on the west side of Queen Anne Ave. N. has unveiled a colorful sign from our hilltop's past (see photo below).

The Queen Anne Radio and Electric Store used to occupy the building that is now the **Ace Hardware at 1515 QA Ave. N.** The removal of all of the buildings north of there has opened up the north wall of the hardware store, revealing the multicolored sign looking as fresh as when it was painted, prior to its being covered up.

The Museum of History and Industry will look at the sign for possible preservation, since it is in such good condition. The Ace H/W building dates from 1931 or 1932. The sign probably dates from the mid-30s. Sherwin-Williams paint company, featured on the sign, was founded back in 1866. Research on the sign and the businesses continues.

Check it out now, before the new building starts to cover it up.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: QUEEN ANNE ON FILM

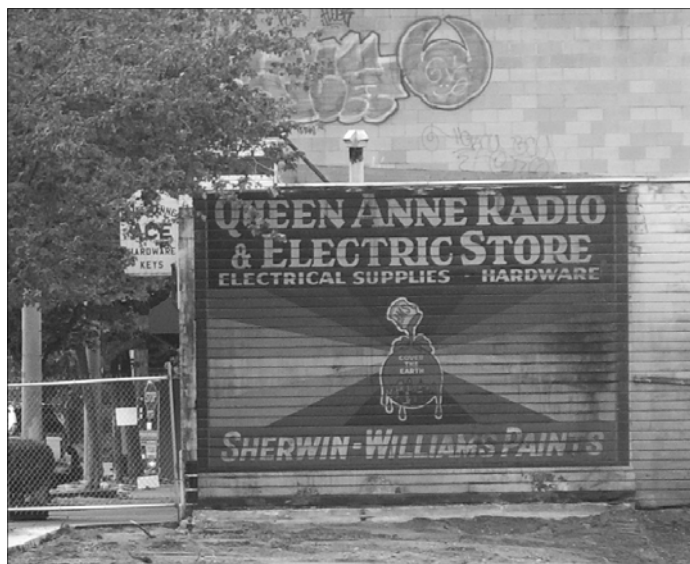
Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of outstanding films from our own archives and from other regional archival sources. Included will be scenes of the long-time Denny Hill regrading, the last ride on the Counterbalance trolley, the AYP Exposition of 1909 and an historical survey of Queen Anne produced by QA student Dave Marriot.

If you are aware of other films/videos showing our community, please call Del Loder, program chair, at 206-282-8771. We would like to expand our collection of visual materials for future programs.



Join your neighbors at our
next public meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact Del Loder at



An old sign looks new on the north side of Ace Hardware

NOW HEAR THIS!
FINAL CALL TO
RENEW FOR 2004-05
Membership dues were
due June 1st. Please
see the Membership
Notice on page 2 and the
coupon on page 3.



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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

NOTICE! Thank you for renewing your membership for 2004-2005. Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2004EXP) it means your membership has ended and this will be your last issue. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now. Your membership and involvement help to preserve our community's heritage. For information contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.

CALENDAR OF

Wed. Nov. 24, 2004

Program: Queen Anne on Film. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See page one)

Tue. Dec. 14, 2004

Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Holiday lighting contest with prizes for best decorated residences on and off the "Boulevard". Call 206-284-2266 by Dec. 12 to register your address for the judges to look at.

Wed. Jan. 26, 2005

Program: Sports Champions at Queen Anne High School. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Mar. 23, 2005

Program: To be announced. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. May 25, 2005

Program: Annual Meeting and Program: Women of Queen Anne and Their 1904 Fashions. Live models wearing period clothing. *Not to be missed.* Location to be announced, 7:30 pm. Free.



NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

It Happened in 1904!

1. Reginal Parsons came to Seattle to open a branch of the Bemis Bros. Bag Co.
2. Stimson house built at 405 W. Highland Drive. In April two railroad cars of furniture were delivered from St. Paul for \$30,000.
3. H.R. Clise house at 501 W. Highland Drive finished in July.
4. House construction started for: Polson House, 103 Highland Drive; Brace House, 170 Prospect St.
5. Battery St. Methodist Episcopal Church bought four lots at 5th W. and W. Garfield St. Today it is the Queen Anne United Methodist Church.
6. Phelps Park was named at the west end of W. Highland Drive. Today it has been replaced by Marshall Park and Betty Bowen Viewpoint.
7. George Kinnear deeded some of his land at W. Prospect and 2nd W. to the city for "a park forever". It was named Franklin Playground in 1909. Today it is called Franklin Place, on the south side of Prospect, and Bayview-Kinnear Park, on the north side of Prospect.
8. Harry Whitney Treat arrives in Seattle, bringing a fabulous art collection.
9. Ebenezer Shorrock built a house on the site of today's Parsons Garden.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Bainbridge Island Historical Society Opens New Museum

Our neighbor historical society across the sound reached a significant milestone this past August 26 when it opened it's new museum in downtown Bainbridge Island (AKA Winslow). The society moved from a previous location on High School Road in the center of the island and is now in a visible downtown location, easily reached by foot from the Bainbridge Ferry Terminal.

QAHS members are encouraged to check it out to see what a small society can do, with the help of local government and many volunteers. QA Board member Will Shopes is also active in the BIHS.

Queen Anne Manor

Our society is frequently asked to give presentations to our local retirement and assisted living homes. In July, Isabel Egglin and John Hennes made a brief talk on the history of Queen Anne to residents at Queen Anne Manor.

Our members know this building as the former Children's Orthopedic Hospital and many signs of its origin still exist in and on the building.

These talks provide our society with connections to the residents and the institution. They give the residents something to talk about and frequently call up their own memories of Queen Anne's past or their own past in some distant place. But we all grew up in the same years and find we share many similar stories and images in our mind

If you can take part in these occasional presentations, please give a call to Isabel Egglin at 206-286-3605. It is fun and heart-warming as well.

Old John Hay Project Nears End

For the past two years the Friends of Old Hay (FOH) have been bringing together neighbors of the old school and the school and district education establishment to upgrade the playground area at the old school. The dedication of the new gardens, basketball court and giant chess board area was held May 1st.

Now the summer dry spell has gone by and the watering system has been checked out. Recent work has replanted some trees that did not survive well in the heavy clay soil. Future playground work is being considered, such as grass fields.

The FOH have provided community support for the old Hay school, now known as the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center. This school is the first contact with America of many newly arrived youth (ages 11-19) having little or no English skills.

The future of FOH is unsure at this time. The school badly needs the



(l-r) Maureen Colaizzi, Paul Lepley (FOH President), and Phil Loe, community volunteers, finish the tree planting at old John Hay, Oct. 30. The school yard project has been completed for this phase.

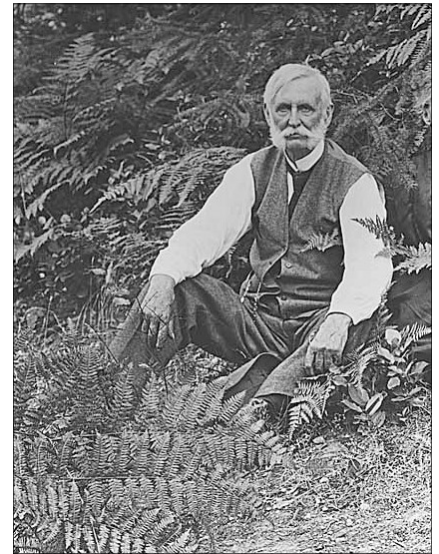
community support, in part because the students' families live across town and have little parent support of the school in the manner Seattle families are used to.

The QAHS has supported FOH because of our desire to maintain the historic buildings on the campus. We have also sought means of introducing American and Northwest history to these new citizens. This is not easy. If you have ideas to share, please contact Isabel Egglin at 206-286-3605.

Crown of Lights

Each year the QAHS conducts a contest to chose the best holiday lighting displayed by a residence on the historic Queen Anne Boulevard, and another for residences not on the boulevard. Judges are recruited from various organizations on Queen Anne. The contest is a light-hearted attempt to publicize the existence of the boulevard and to promote community spirit.

This year's judging will be on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6pm. Call 206-284-2266 by Sunday, Dec. 12 and leave your name and the address of any house you think should be looked at by the judges.



George Kinnear in 1898 at age 66.
Photo courtesy Museum of History & Industry



Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Patron \$50 - \$199

☐ Family \$20 ☐ Benefactor \$200 &

up ☐ Student/Senior \$8 ☐ Contribution only, \$ _____

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25

(\$20 for members)

Hard cover: \$45

(\$40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____

Soft cover cost: \$ _____

Hard cover qty: _____

Hard cover cost: \$ _____

Mailing costs at \$3/book:

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Coming up: Historic films of Queen Anne, at the Wed. Nov. 24th Program at McClure Middle School.

KIM'S MUSINGS

New England Gold

Returning from a nine-day tour of New England, fall colors and all, I pondered on the difference between what the last ice age did there, and what it did here. In both instances the ice came down, moving inexorably over the northern tier of the continent. But as it retreated, advanced, retreated again, the vegetation on the east coast moved with it. Out here, for some reason not easily explained, although the advance and retreat were similar, the deciduous trees failed to migrate with the ice. The result is "evergreen" Washington and Oregon, but multicolored New England.

Wednesday morning I sat in a house constructed in 1767. 102 years before Seattle was incorporated as a city, this house already had family and many possessions. The only updating of the house are: indoor plumbing, which is on the second floor at the end of the master suite; electrical outlets, but only on the lower walls; and a stove, sink and refrigerator. The outlets are for table lamps, and most of the furnishings are contemporary with the house. The owners' main kitchen and living area is an adjacent barn, that is connected to the house by a covered portico, which was apparently added shortly after the house was built. This enabled the family to feed the

livestock in the barn no matter what the weather. The sensation I felt when I walked in this place was eerie - "I have been here before." But not in recent times.

This was my first visit to the interior of New England, and it more than amazed and astounded me. The trees along the highway appeared as rainbows on either side, flashing all colors and rarely two identical colors side by side! Maple sugar products really ARE better here, and the apple cider was freshly made, and quickly drunk! It's easy to see from the land that winter can be truly fierce here, and I can understand better why the glories of Puget Sound would draw so many families west to the Seattle area. Would I go back again to visit? Of course, but it always takes a little trip to show you just how much better a life you have, especially in Seattle.

One more note - going through public schools in Seattle is a lot less expensive than one year at Deerfield Academy, which costs \$30,000 per year to attend. But it also gives a certain school spirit, one in line with our local QA alums.

Happy Holidays from Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for
more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**